

St. Louis Vehicle Emissions Inspection/Maintenance (I/M) Program Changes

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Timeline

Current Gateway Clean Air Program

- April 5, 2000 - September 1, 2007
- Two program areas, Enhanced and Basic
- Emissions testing separate from Safety testing
- Enhanced area tests are conducted at 10 test-only stations
- 1982-1995 model years tested with IM240 transient tailpipe test
- 1996-2007 model years tested with On-Board Diagnostics (OBD) test
- All model years receive a gas cap pressure test

Current Gateway Clean Air Program (continued)

- Motorist observes test, keeps the vehicle
- If vehicle fails, it can't be repaired by test station
- Failing vehicles have unlimited free retests at any test station for 30 days
- Not Ready vehicles have unlimited free retests for 60 days from first Reject test result
- RapidScreen exempts cleanest 20-25% of volume from test stations

Current Gateway Clean Air Program (continued)

- Waivers issued at the test station if motorist spends more than \$450 and vehicle shows a pollution reduction or if motorist spends more than \$711
- Labor costs apply if from Missouri Recognized Repair Technician (MRRT), who is required to have current ASE certification (A6, A8, L1) and a minimum of 4 hours of continuing education each calendar year

Current Gateway Clean Air Program (continued)

- Enhanced area test stations open 66 hours/week
Monday-Friday: 12 hours/day,
Saturday: 6 hours/day
- Test fee is \$24/vehicle, revenue split between state's contractor (\$21.50) and the state (\$2.50)
- Excluding last 3 days of the month, test fee is discounted if motorist waits > 30 min (\$10) or > 60 min (\$20) before paid inspection begins
- Paper report witnessed by vehicle registration agency

Current Gateway Clean Air Program (continued)

- Franklin County has 2 fixed and 2 mobile test-only stations open 40 hours/week, including Saturdays
- Franklin County tests 1982+ model years with single speed idle and gas cap tests, no wait time fee discounts
- Waivers issued at the test station if motorist spends more than \$200
- Labor costs apply if from Missouri Qualified Repair Technician, who is required to have current ASE certification (A6 and A8)

Next Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program

- September 4, 2007 - September 1, 2011
- Same Basic I/M program in all five counties
- Emissions testing combined with Safety testing
- Emissions and safety tests will be conducted at hundreds of licensed test-and-repair or test-only stations
- 1982-1995 model years will no longer be emissions tested
- 1996-2007 model years still tested with OBD test
- No gas cap pressure test

Next Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program (continued)

- Motorist won't necessarily observe test or keep the vehicle
- At test-and-repair stations, if vehicle fails, it can be repaired by test station
- Failing vehicles will have one free retest at station that conducted initial inspection if within 20 business days of initial test
- Not Ready vehicles will fail the emissions test, allowed only one free retest
- RapidScreen will be eliminated

Next Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program (continued)

- Waivers issued by the department if motorist spends more than \$450 with MRRT, more than \$400 if self-repaired using EPA approved parts, more than \$200 if financially dependent on state and federal disability benefits and other public assistance programs
- Labor costs apply if from Missouri Recognized Repair Technician, who is required to have current ASE certification (A6, A8, L1) - continuing education not mandatory

Next Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program (continued)

- Licensed inspection stations open a minimum of 40 hours/week, not necessarily on Saturday
- Test fee is \$24/vehicle, revenue split between state's contractor (VID service fee), hundreds of stations and the state
- No wait time test fee discount for long waits
- Electronic proof witnessed by vehicle registration agency

Gateway Vehicle Inspection Program (GVIP) Timeline

- GVIP RFP Released: December 14, 2006
- Pre-Proposal Conference: January 4, 2007
- GVIP RFP Amendment: January 12, 2007
- New I/M Rule Filed: January 16, 2007
- GVIP Bids Due: February 15, 2007
- New I/M Rule Public Hearing: March 29, 2007
- GVIP Contract Award: <April 15, 2007
- New I/M Rule Adoption: April 26, 2007
- GVIP Implementation: April-August 2007
- New I/M Rule Effective: August 30, 2007
- GVIP Startup: September 4, 2007